

Question #12

What other processed products would you like us to consider? Please provide detail such as (1) Company, (2) Brand, (3) Product. i.e. (a) oriental chicken, (b) chicken strips, (c) string cheese, etc.

**Responds:**

String Cheese
Blueberries String cheese and chicken strips sound good. The moz. cheese is to hard for us to handle. We do not have graders that can grade it. If it was graded we could use it. Tomato Paste would be nice.
Tyson Stir Fry Chicken Strips. Beef Fajitas Strips (muscle meat product). Offer Frozen Peaches in the cups (A416 96/4 oz). Offer the frozen Strawberry cups. (A417 96/4.5 oz) Offer Bonus Fresh Fruit Offer Bonus Brown Rice
Mozzarella string cheese would be great.
string cheese,
We don't use the processed commodity products
We would LOVE to have our mozzarella come as string cheese! We would be interested in chicken strips as well.
String Cheese
string cheese, 1 oz package
CHICKEN STRIPS WITHOUT BREADING
Fajita all white chicken breast meat. Breast meat for all nuggets and patties. String Cheese
Pierre Sausage Crumbles
string cheese Any brand name
The above suggestions sound like good additions to me, but I don't know off hand the 1 2 3 answers to suggest to go along with the products.
Oriental chicken, beef, pork with sauces. Fajita chicken, breast or thigh. Beef finger steaks and beef fajita.
turkey franks - Foster Farms
Breaded Chicken strips, fajita chicken (ck'd, Schwan's has a nice orange chicken, beef nuggets, string cheese, 1 oz cheddar, Barilla pasta plus, mashed potatoes flakes, hash brown patties.
none at this time.
Wise buy puts out a chicken fajita strip that is usable in many product such as soups, fajitas, salads and other lower fat products to replace beef products.
1. Individually wrapped 1 oz. low fat mozzarella string cheese. 2. Cooked, diced white or dark chicken meat. 3. Medium shredded cheddar cheese. 4. Ultra grain flour (made by ConAgra) doesn't show the wheat germ and looks just slightly darker than regular flour. This will help us make our baked breads more acceptable to the children.
School Choice mozzarella cheese sticks
chicken strips Tyson
DICED COOKED POULTRY
Schwan's fish sticks
One ounce sliced meat. Roast beef, Turkey, Ham 1.5oz breaded chicken strips
Chicken Strips String Cheese
Schrieber String Cheese
a b c I would like to have all 3
How about an option of a FC grilled patty for a sandwich. Lower in fat and sodium. I'm sorry I don't have any specifications. We are looking at using up the breaded product we currently have and then looking to purchase a grilled fully cooked patty for our chicken sandwich.
I would use string cheese if it were available. We have a lot of breaded chicken products, but no unbreaded products. I would use lightly seasoned chicken breast strips for pasta dishes and salads.
Chicken strips String Cheese Cheese uncrustables
(Any brand) string cheese would be very helpful.
Schreiber string cheese Land o Lakes cheddar cheese 1 ounce portions
String Cheese would be great Schiebers 160/cs. Oriental Chicken (Asisan Orange) B & D Chicken Strips (Tyson)
Tyson - Chicken Drumstick Sluggers Savory CN - UPC# 00023700523754 Conagra Foods - Pizza Pockets Sausage & Cheese T71 UPC# 10044979020700 Tyson - Crispitos Chili Blanch CN - UPC # 2370007870
Grilled chicken breasts or grilled chicken chunks, string cheese (Northwest has all of these products)

Question #13

Additional comments about current processed commodity products:

**Responds:**

We love the frozen eggs and the sliced cheese.
Silver items found in Chix Patties, Complaint form is in the mail. Wood/Bone fragments found in the Chix Nuggets, form is in the mail. Process Chicken products should follow same process as regular market items for nutrition information and portions. Diced Apricots rather than halved. Increase the number of months Frozen Strawberries offered. More cheese diverted to incentive programs. (i.e. Schwans)
Standard packaging?
Is it possible to get a smaller chicken patty? The current one is high in calories and fat and is more than the smaller kids want to eat. The Kings Command beef patty has a "bad" odor if you heat them in a steamer. The low-fat cheese is hard to use. It doesn't melt and the slices are impossible to separate without breaking.
Thanks for offering popcorn chicken. Our kids really like it.
We are still finding bone fragments in the chicken nuggets and grissel in the patties. Students love the PBJ's and popcorn chicken!
I WOULD LIKE TO SEE MORE HEALTHY CHOICES ESPECIALLY CHICKEN WITH NO BREADING.
Would like to try finger stks.
I do like the process of having representatives come and actually sample the products. This helps keep the quality up by doing it each year. The products have gotten better since I first started in food service.
Would like to see more whole muscle chicken and beef.
It was very helpful to get a list at the beginning of the year telling about when we could see certain products. I liked the shape and size of the Goldkist chicken better than the Tyson. They have to be stacked sideways to fit our shelves.
Most of them are fine.
The egg wraps are too plain. They haven't much flavor and would benefit from a few peppers, onions or other herbs and spices.
We use the Rib B Ques but the kids and adults are really turned off by the large chunks of cartilage, tendon?, whatever that are in them. Could we get a finer grind on the meat?
I would be interested in a 1/2" diced white chicken meat (no breading), A fajita seasoned chicken also no breading.
Everything is good and we use most of it.
Most is very good quality
Some are pretty good, like beef crumbles, but end up being expensive by the time we pay processing. Uncrustables are very expensive for what they are. We really like the Tyson products.
Tyson chicken items are good.
We have liked all that we use
Chicken packaging patties and popcorn chicken are huge.
I appreciate all that we receive. I would like to get the frozen blueberries again, but I suppose that they are not available at this time? Thanks!
Why no rolled oats? No crushed pineapple, only chunks or tidbits. Cooked diced fajita chicken would be good. The beef crumbles are great. More strawberries would be nice.
Raw Turkey are great, More Fruit Blueberries, Strawberries, Tomato paste & puree. Ham not so good
Kitchens love the beef crumbles...very convenient. Quality of all products is quite good.

Question #14

Please provide any additional comments concerning the Food Distribution Program in Idaho

Responds:

Going great!
The people providing the food distribution service in Idaho are very easy to work with and always ready to help.
It seems to very good this year. I have been able to get the thing I use most. Hamburger patties are very important to us. Very good job! I like being able to get canned fruit. i wish I had gotten in on the fresh fruit. I would like more frozen or canned vegetables.
Quality is very good. Northwest is great. Very pleased with variety of commodities this year. And seeing more whole grain product.
I've been around quite a while and I seldom have a problem with the products offered or the deliveries. Idaho takes good care of their child nutrition program.
We appreciate you providing these products for our students and Northwest Distribution for delivering them. Your help is a blessing to our hot lunch program!
I appreciate whatever we get. I don't use everything on the program because sometimes our kids just don't like it.
I think Northwest does and exceptional job in delivering our commodities! Very easy to work with!
I would like to see a bigger variety of beef product. I'd like to see a fajita meat in the beef as well as the chicken form.
I think it is going great, and the food is getting a lot better, even kids have said so.
I think that our staff does a great job. Both in distribution and in keeping contact with the school districts about what is happening in our state.
I am interested in the process as a whole, still a lot to learn in this area.
Kids like the Tyson Chicken better. I like that I can easily get the same product from my broadline distributor if I don't have enough commodity product. NW Distribution takes good care of us.
It is nice to have this to help our programs.
I'm very thankful for it.
I think that they do a wonderful job.
you do a great job - keep up the good work!
I think the State Dept. and Northwest Distribution does a great job.
DELIVERY DATES ARE NOT THE SAME EACH MONTH.
They do a good job for us.
Great job folks. Keep up the good work
It would be nice to get grape jelly and a better brand of peanut butter.
The program is working well for me.
It is a great program. The online ordering and tracking process works very nice.
Would it be possible to get low sodium tomato products?
You usually offer products that we can use. If I refuse any it is because of storage is limited. Over all the program is great. I have had very few complaints from the kitchens. Chicken patties and nuggets were a disappointment.
I would like to see butter, honey and powdered milk come back into the program. Other than that the commodities are a very good thing for the lunch programs and the State Department Staff are great to work with!
Our program is great. NorthWest is at the top of my list for dependability, customer oriented and, the cases of foods come in in good condition.
Product is available to order, Deliveries on time and product quality is good. Like the monthly notes on what is happening with commodities.
None.